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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education,
and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
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Dear Chair Murray and Ranking Member Blunt,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any known pecuniary interests in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

**Booker, Cory(D-NJ) Labor and Health and Human Services Congressionally Directed
Spending Requests**

| Recipient Name | Project Purpose | Project Location | Amount Requested (\$000) |
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| 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. | To expand access to critical mental health services for clients, including adults and children experiencing domestic violence and trauma, and people experiencing anxiety, depression and other mental health disorders in both adults and youth to meet growing demand for care in the wake of the COVID pandemic, through its own work and with its community partners. | Monmouth NJ | \$565 |
| ACCSES New Jersey, Inc. | To provided subsidized wages and supports to individuals currently working in work centers for those with disabilities as well as specific benefits counseling training to work center employees at 5-6 sites throughout New Jersey. | Trenton NJ | \$1,100 |
| AngelaCARES | To provide comprehensive case management assistance (applying for critical services and benefits), counseling assistance for older people. | Hudson NJ | \$102 |
| AngelaCARES | To provide direct services to older adults 50 years and older via mobile services by identifying and facilitating the submission of benefits at the local, state, and federal levels. | Jersey City NJ | \$100 |
| Atlantic Cape Community College | To address and make available mental health counseling and support services to the nearly 5,000 students of Atlantic Cape. | Atlantic, Cape May Counties NJ | \$150 |
| Atlantic County Economic Alliance | To develop and conduct an inclusive veteran-focused film apprenticeship program, primarily using uncrewed aircraft-mounted ("drone") video cameras as applied to commercial and creative filmmaking. | Atlantic NJ | \$150 |
| Atlantic Health System | To provide state-of-the-science cardiac imaging at Newton Medical Center by purchasing and installing a GE Apex CT Scanner, upgrading the MRI cardiac scanner, move existing CT scanner to Hackettstown Medical Center, and perform renovation and construction to each facility to accommodate the new machines and add patient throughput. | Sussex, Warren NJ | \$200 |
| AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center | For construction and operating costs of Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment expansion in the Greater Atlantic City Region. | Atlantic NJ | \$1,000 |
| Bancroft | To empower individuals with disabilities to live more independently in a Smart Support Pilot Home. | Burlington,Camden NJ | \$1,000 |
| Bancroft | The program - among the first of its kind in New Jersey - will empower individuals with disabilities in Burlington and Camden Counties to live more independently in a Smart Support Pilot Home, while providing innovative solutions/tools to help Direct Service Professionals be more efficient in their job. Our goals include: Promoting person-centered technology to enable the highest possible level of independence; Elevating and expanding access to Assistive Technology services for adults with autism; and | Burlington,Camden NJ | \$1,000 |

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| | Developing technology plans to assist families at home. | | |
| Bergen Performing Arts Center (bergenPAC) | For operating costs to provide effective arts education programming to students with special needs across north and central New Jersey. | Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union NJ | \$70 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union | For operating costs to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties expansion in the greater Plainfield, NJ area. | Essex, Hudson, Union counties NJ | \$650 |
| Bridges Outreach, Inc | Funding two social workers to provide direct case management services to the homeless population in Newark, NJ 7 nights a week. | Essex, NJ | \$517 |
| Camden Shipyard & Maritime Museum | To renovate for the museum's Maritime Hall to become a multi-purpose vocational training center for Camden youth including the Carpenter's Union Pre-Apprenticeship Program and provide first year operating funds. | Burlington,Camden, Gloucester NJ | \$250 |
| Capital Health System, Inc. | The purpose of this request is to purchase 10 non-ambulance vehicles, to be used in transporting our patients to and from our hospitals and medical group practices without charge regardless of insurance status within 25 miles, from pick up to drop off. | Mercer NJ | \$550 |
| City of East Orange | For operating costs to help returning citizens successfully "reenter" society following their incarceration, thereby reducing recidivism, improving public safety, and saving money. | Essex NJ | \$30 |
| City of Elizabeth | For a Mobile Emergency and Homeless Case Management Unit to provide on-site assistance to victims of emergency events, including, but not limited to fires and severe weather events/conditions, as well as homeless individuals in need. | Union NJ | \$500 |
| City of Jersey City | To start a specialized apprenticeship program to connect residents to union jobs within Jersey City. | Hudson NJ | \$750 |
| City of Newark | For renovation of community health clinics located in five public schools to bring Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services to Newark residents in each of the five wards in Newark. City of Newark NJ \$1,000 Institute of Music for Children to expand our Youth Leader Job Training and Readiness. | City of Newark NJ | \$1,000 |
| City of Paterson | This funding will be used to hire two dedicated social workers for our recently launched Appropriate Medically Assisted Treatment Anytime, Anywhere (AMATAA) referral program (now branded as "RealFix"), which promises to connect individuals at risk of an opioid overdose to MAT anytime, anywhere within 90 minutes. | Passaic NJ | \$188 |
| coLAB Arts | To provide arts-based racial and social justice education in-school for middle school social studies and English classes in New Brunswick Public Schools. | Middlesex County NJ | \$207 |
| Community Addiction Recovery Effort | To eliminate financial roadblocks for those willing to enter into treatment for substance use disorder. To provide educational materials and eliminate the stigma associated with addiction. | Mercer NJ | \$9 |
| Community Services Inc. of Ocean County | To purchase new refrigeration and heating vehicles to deliver meals to the elderly and disabled. | Ocean County NJ | \$270 |

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| Cooper University Health Care | To enhance health equity and emergency preparedness by purchasing equipment for new private rooms at Cooper Hospital. | Burlington,Camden,Cumberland,Gloucester, Salem NJ | \$1,000 |
| County College of Morris | To purchase equipment and create cybersecurity curriculum for the Cybersecurity Center and Hacking Lab | Morris NJ | \$720 |
| County College of Morris | To purchase equipment, support curriculum, and secure a site for the County College of Morris Workforce Training Center in Dover NJ | Morris NJ | \$1,010 |
| Drew University | To purchase and make upgrades to STEM-related equipment and instrumentation at Drew University. | West Long BranchNJ | \$1,200 |
| Englewood Public School District | To fund curriculum development, textbooks, and math and English/language arts interventionists for Englewood Public School District. | Bergen NJ | \$2,263 |
| Georgian Court University | To purchase simulation lab and educational equipment for the Georgian Court-Hackensack Meridian Health School of Nursing. | Lakewood NJ | \$317 |
| Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey | To equip a technology and education Experience Center in Newark's Central Ward, for Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ). | Newark NJ | \$500 |
| Hudson Partnership Care Management Organization | For the expansion of recreation activities for youth ages 5-21 who have been diagnosed with an autism disorder to encourage healthy socialization, decrease aggressive and self-injurious behavior and to reduce the potential occurrence of abuse in the home. | Hudson NJ | \$150 |
| Institute of Music for Children | to expand our Youth Leader Job Training and Readiness Program for low-income urban out-of-school youth ages 18-25. | Elizabeth NJ | \$250 |
| Institute of Music for Children | For operating and evaluation costs related to the Summer Arts Institute, which provides a five week emersion program for low-income urban youth. Funds will support the codification of unique program model and dissemination nationally. | Essex, Hudson,Middlesex, Somerset, Union NJ | \$75 |
| Integrity Inc | To provides substance use disorder (SUD) prevention and treatment services, as well as other support services, to women in Newark with emphasis on pregnant and postpartum women and those who are planning to become pregnant. | Newark NJ | \$250 |
| Integrity, Inc. (DBA Integrity House or Integrity) | For operating and equipment costs to provide substance use disorder and overdose prevention services in the greater Newark area. | Essex NJ | \$350 |
| Jersey City | to expand domestic violence intervention services into the greater Hudson County area. | Hudson County NJ | \$500 |
| Kean University | For start-up costs to create a University-assisted, two-generation (2Gen) strategy for parents and caregivers of students in Kean University's pipeline development programs. | Union NJ | \$1,000 |
| Lawnside Intergenerational Program | For continued development of Lawnsides Intergenerational programing in our community, by connecting Seniors and Youth across generations. We hope to achieve our vision of a truly age friendly town. | Camden NJ | \$30 |

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| Meals on Wheels of Mercer County | To purchase a refrigerated truck to deliver and increase accessibility to healthy fresh produce, dairy, and other grocery items to homebound individuals, thus supplementing our daily delivery of nutritious meals. | Mercer NJ | \$81 |
| Melanin and Maternal Wellness | To purchase a refrigerated truck to deliver and increase accessibility to healthy fresh produce, dairy, and other grocery items to homebound individuals, thus supplementing our daily delivery of nutritious meals. | Mercer NJ | \$1,760 |
| Monmouth Museum | to bring personalized and continuous art programming to adults with special needs in NJ. | Lincroft NJ | \$150 |
| New Brunswick Free Public Library | To improve the level of resident's English and digital proficiency in order to get employment or better employment with bilingual (Spanish and English) ESL instructors and job coaches. | Middlesex NJ | \$38 |
| New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund, Inc. (NJ) | To increase our capacity to provide free direct services to at least 10,000 underserved, vulnerable, low- and moderate-income individuals and families across New Jersey, empowering them to take control of their finances and regain their housing & economic security post-COVID-19. | Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren. NJ | \$350 |
| New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence | To connect New Jersey survivors of domestic violence and their children experiencing or at-risk of homelessness with funding for rent, utilities and other relocation assistance to help them transition into safe, stable housing. | Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren NJ | \$500 |
| New Jersey Institute of Technology | For start-up costs associated with developing and implementing a Community College Pre-Engineering Network Initiative for four-year university bound community college students in New Jersey. | Essex, Middlesex, Passaic, Union NJ | \$650 |
| New Jersey Institute of Technology | To implement and test a comprehensive pre-apprenticeship skill-training program in advanced manufacturing and mechatronics. | Essex, Middlesex, Union NJ | \$650 |
| New Jersey Library Association | Sustaining the pilot program launched in October 2021. In library delivery by Navigators to help build digital literacy, access to workforce development, soft skill building and wrap around services accessible online. | Camden, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Union, Warren NJ | \$481 |
| New Jersey Performing Arts Center | For operating costs (staff, faculty, and program expenses) for NJPAC's innovative arts education programs | Essex NJ | \$700 |
| New Jersey Sharing | For the purchase of lab equipment in our transplant research | Atlantic, | \$175 |

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| Network | lab. Specifically, a Quantum Cell Expansion Lab Device (Bioaccelerator) to enable the Personalized Transplant Medicine Institute (PTMI) to create a robust cell bank of HLA typed, infectious disease screened stem cells that can be used for cellular therapy, as well as propagate further cells that can be used to create organoids and cell patches that may be utilized as a "bridge to transplant". | Bergen,Burlington,Ca mden, Cape May, Cumberland,Essex, Gloucester,Hudson,H unterdon,Mercer, Middlesex,Monmouth , Morris,Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset,Sussex, Union,Warren NJ | |
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| New Jersey State Library | For project funds to implement a Makerspace Education Center that will provide hands-on instruction and professional development for New Jersey library staff on makerspace technology. | | \$105 |
| Newark Emergency Services for Families | For operating costs to provide holistic support for families and returning citizens experiencing homelessness due to situational crisis. | Newark NJ | \$830 |
| | To support the training and implementation of Newark School of the Arts' (NSA)research-based Early Childhood Music and Movement (ECM) program designed for babies 0 to 3 designed to ensure/improve healthy brain development in the early years that can be vital in building the social and emotional wellness needed in under-resourced environments where families are experiencing toxic stress/trauma (ACEs) due to poverty, violence, racism, abuse, addiction mental illness, and divorce to name a few; using music as a vehicle for building healthy relationships and creating healthy bonds between caregiver and child. | Bergen, Essex,Hudson,Hunter don,Mercer,Monmout h, Morris,Union NJ | \$50 |
| Newark School of the Arts | To resume providing Creative Aging in the Arts, skill building programs for low-income older adults/seniors suffering from isolation and depression. | Newark NJ | \$10 |
| | To purchase equipment for physical rehabilitation and wellness program for survivors of spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, developmental disabilities, and other neurologic chronic conditions, including children, adults and seniors, in a non-profit community clinic located in Oakland NJ. | Oakland NJ | \$568 |
| Push to Walk | | Atlantic, Bergen,Burlington,Ca mden, Cape May, Cumberland,Essex, Gloucester,Hudson,H unterdon,Mercer, Middlesex,Monmouth , Morris,Ocean, Passaic,Salem, Somerset,Sussex, | |
| Rami's Heart Corp | For operating costs to maintain the memorial and continue to host ceremonies honoring the lives lost to Covid. More importantly to continue to seek and sponsor grief counseling programs for those impacted. | | \$50 |

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| | | Union,Warren NJ | |
| Reading Is Fundamental | For literacy resources to the local community. | Trenton NJ | \$350 |
| Rider University | To expand the diversity, equity, and inclusion of underrepresented groups studying cybersecurity at Rider University while addressing the significant workforce demands in the cybersecurity sectors in New Jersey. | Lawrenceville NJ | \$150 |
| Rowan University | To establish a Green Jobs Academy to build pathways to required industry credentials and degrees to address the state's growing demand for a trained green energy workforce, and to respond to the climate crisis. | Atlantic,Burlington,Camden,Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem NJ | \$2,000 |
| Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences | For nursing simulation equipment that would increase Rutgers School of Nursing's student admittance by at least 25 percent. | Essex NJ | \$951 |
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| Rutgers University–Camden | For programming and staffing support at two of the six underutilized community centers in the City of Camden that Rutgers University-Camden will bring back online. Initiatives will focus on the areas of adult education and workforce development; arts and culture; health and wellness; youth and families; K-12 remediation and college preparedness; and individual and family support. | Camden NJ | \$1,405 |
| Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey | To expand the Rutgers Summer Service Initiative (RSSI) to provide 150 select Rutgers students from Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick with a stipend for their work during the summer at a non-profit organization engaging in public or community service. | New Brunswick | \$975 |
| RWJBarnabas Health Cooperman Medical Center | To purchase equipment that will facilitate deploying physicians out in the community at the scene of emergencies to improve access to life saving care. | Essex NJ | \$1,000 |
| Seton Hall University | To expand and upgrade the Healthcare Simulation Center on Seton Hall University's Interprofessional Health Sciences (IHS) Campus through the enhancement of existing spaces, acquisition of simulation education items to enhance student learning during simulation activities, and for equipment and supplies to mimic points of care. The proposed project will support new equipment and upgrades to the existing Simulation Center space on the IHS campus to ensure clinical readiness, workforce preparation, and improved utilization of the facility. | Atlantic, Bergen,Burlington,Camden, Cape May,Cumberland,Essex,Gloucester,Hudson,Hunterdon,Mercer, Middlesex,Monmouth ,Morris,Ocean,Passaic,Salem,Somerset,Sussex, Union,Warren NJ | \$1,140 |
| South Orange/Maplewood School District | To ensure that all of our students have social-emotional supports to be successful in school and life. | Essex NJ | \$1,660 |
| St. James Social Service Corporation | For the building of SJSSC's capacity to facilitate the provision of much-needed social services to the residents of Essex County in New Jersey. | Essex NJ | \$204 |
| Stevens Institute of Technology | For equipment and installation of an upgraded high performance computer cluster and satellite receiving station to increase Stevens capacity to conduct research, offer students hands-on learning experiences,and provide flood | Hoboken NJ | \$960 |

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| | mitigation and prediction, coastal and energy resiliency, and waste water processing. | | |
| The Center for Great Expectations | To fund Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for outpatient services. | North Brunswick NJ | \$500 |
| The Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges | To launch a new program expanding the ability to address the growing mental health crisis, especially among children, facing our community in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic by hiring a new team of four (4) licensed and credentialed mental health clinicians to serve our staff and constituency. | Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Sussex NJ | \$337 |
| The Salvation Army | To implement after school math programs for low-income New Jersey students. | Atlantic, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Passaic NJ | \$32 |
| The Valley Hospital | To purchase additional in-room sensor technology, called AUGi, which leverages artificial intelligence to monitor patient movement & behavior to predict high-risk for falls & pushes warnings directly to the front-line caregiver. | Bergen NJ | \$609 |
| Thomas Edison State University | Thomas Edison State University is requesting funding to support its innovative work in providing a leading-edge virtual reality (VR) and digital simulation opportunity for students entering the field of Nursing and other related health care programs. With the proposed support, TESU would be able to enhance and expedite the means by which students acquire basic skills in the field of nursing by providing them with virtual simulation exercises and activities that are both hands-on and experience-based, yet cost-effective and scalable for the University. These experiences and activities will be combined with TESU's exceptional curriculum design, learner experience, and rigorous assessment methodologies to ensure that students are acquiring the necessary skills and competencies that are needed to be competitive in today's field of nursing. TESU will accomplish this through two primary means: virtual reality (VR) experiences and simulation experiences. TESU will invest \$100,000 to recruit and support students entering into the nursing education field. | Bergen, Camden, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Union NJ | \$460 |
| Township of Brick | For dialysis transportation service for senior citizens. | Ocean NJ | \$175 |
| Township of Hopewell | To replace a synthetic turf field consisting of removing and disposal of existing worn synthetic turf and installing a 2 layer, 2", cool play surface. Soccer, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and field hockey markings will be inlaid into the field. A synthetic turf field is a versatile, resilient, and durable playing surface that is the answer to the overuse and high maintenance of township grass fields. With many towns building new neighborhoods to house their ever-growing populations or saving the green space they currently have; a turf field is able to accommodate a multitude of sports and activities while preserving excellent playing conditions. One single field is able to be the "home turf" for football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse, not to mention other recreational sports like kickball leagues, ultimate frisbee and rugby. Turf fields also allow groups and | Mercer NJ | \$800 |

teams to play in many types of weather conditions. Rain, sleet, snow, or sunshine, as long as you can withstand the temperatures, the game is always ON. The turf field cannot be damaged by adverse weather or overuse. The fields are manufactured and built to withstand year-round, daily activity. Many children and teens had a year of athletics and activities "stolen" from them due to Covid. These kids are eager and ready to get back out on the field. Grass fields will not be able to withstand all the additional use or furnish a safe playing environment for them.

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| Tri-County Community Action Agency Inc. | to expand the Gateway Wellness Center's community-based services by providing outpatient treatment, school-based services, prevention programming and recovery treatment. Requested funding would be used to strengthen and expand services currently being provided through the wellness center at locations throughout Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester Counties. | Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem NJ | \$350 |
| Unified Vailsburg Services Organization | To make one-time equipment investments and seed the hiring of key personnel in order to create a meaningful inter-generational ecosystem that will allow seniors, children and teens to support each other socially, academically, culturally, emotionally, psychologically, physically, recreationally, and otherwise. This pilot will be supported by public and private resources beyond this proposed infusion of federal discretionary support and will, therefore, be sustainable should this particular funding not be available after this round. Existing funding from State and private sources and in-kind support from the County of Essex help to underwrite the cost of this initiative. The requested discretionary funds will help to acquire critically-needed items as well as formalize the initiative by hiring key personnel whose compensation will be secured by other sources moving forward. | Essex NJ | \$448 |
| Union County, New Jersey | To enhance Union County's mental health and recovery support programs by offering more staff development opportunities and expanding peer-to-peer, intensive case management, community-based case management, harm reduction, and other intervention models. The goal of expansion is to make recovery support services available and accessible to County residents throughout all 21 municipalities. | Union NJ | \$661 |
| United Way of Central Jersey | to provide Child Development Accounts for the 1,814 children born to first time low income Mothers participating in New Jersey's 8 Nurse Family Partnership programs. | Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren NJ | \$1,285 |
| United Way of Northern New Jersey | To facilitate a sustainable early childhood education system so early childhood educators and the parents of the 800,000 children below the ALICE Threshold in New Jersey can work | Gloucester, Hudson, Warren NJ | \$500 |

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| | in the long-term. | | |
| Urban League of Essex County | To establish a workforce experience program in the skilled and construction trades that will serve the aging and thriving in place needs of low-income seniors and families living with disabilities. | Essex NJ | \$500 |
| Volunteers of America Delaware Valley | The purpose of the project is to provide youth and family stabilization for juveniles who are reported as at risk through partnerships with local and state law enforcement and school systems across Camden, Burlington, Atlantic, Gloucester and Mercer Counties. The designated dollars are for staffing costs, travel and client assistance to enhance an already existing program. | Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Mercer NJ | \$500 |
| YMCA of Greater Monmouth County | To make significant improvements to two of our wellness facilities, located in Red Bank and Freehold, which would allow us to better serve our community and offer mental health counseling on site. | Red Bank NJ | \$1,000 |
| Youthbuild Newark, Inc. | To build the capacity of our back office team to expand second chance programming in Newark and scale those systems throughout the state of New Jersey. | Newark NJ | \$950 |
| YWCA Northern New Jersey | To provide mental health services to benefit women and children who experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and/or post-COVID trauma. | Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic NJ | \$500 |